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BRIDGE—A SUGGESTION.

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It may seem ridiculous, in the eyes of the Bridge maniac, to speak lightly of the decline and fall of this admirable and fascinating game. Yet it will not last for ever, says 'E. H. L. W.' in the *Full Mall Gazette*. It may not be moribund, as yet, but some day it will inevitably pass away before some victorious successor, and a few old furies in an obscure corner of the card-room will alone be left to abuse each other for impossible declarations. Games of skill pursue, the world over, much the same course. At first, they attract the attention of that vast floating population that has attempted other games and failed to hold its own. They fit eagerly to something new, as moths on a summer evening make headlong for the flame of a candle. To bridge they came in their thousands—all who had tried the older game, and found themselves edged out by superior talent. Whist had grown too difficult; there was too much to remember—too many conventional leads to be borne in mind—to much recrimination for forgetfulness on the part of elderly and crusty partners. Bridge afforded an opportunity for a fair start—an equal terms. The old conventions were overthrown, and new ones did not arise to take their place. That they would arise, sooner or later, was of course obvious enough. It is plain now that in a few years the new game will be as fettered with these by-laws (generally the fruit of American inventiveness) as the old. Then the unskilled will once more be forced to new pastures, and bridge shall find its successor.

The weak point in the game, some are beginning to say already, lies in the 'no trumps' declaration. It was well enough in the early days, when players had not yet discovered that it paid to declare no trumps as a rule, with but a moderate hand. But now the lesson is learned by most and taken to heart; and in consequence you may see players (especially when they have profited by one or two initial successes), declaring again and again with wearisome iteration, and (what is worse) bringing it off every time. Now, a no-trump game is pleasant by way of variety, but nothing but no-trump games become monotonous. There cannot be the same scope for skilful play as when some suit is declared; the dealer has matters too much his own way. Upon this rock Bridge may split, and let in the older game once more—to the delight of its few faithful votaries.

REVIVAL OF WHIST.

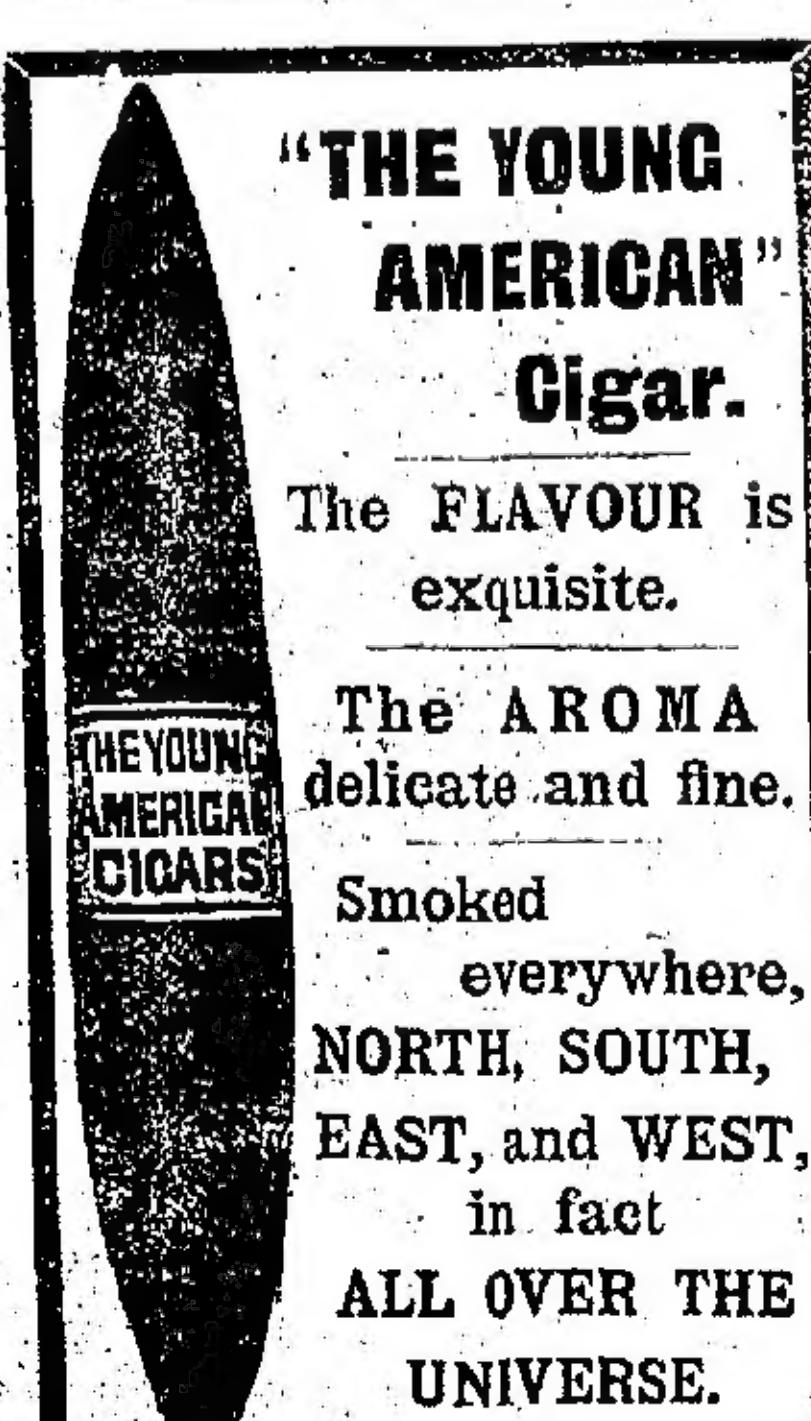
When what does return to us, it might be worth while to consider whether it would not be well to make a subtle combination of the two games. The mention of such a possibility will, no doubt, soon to many rank blueberry, but I am inclined to believe a few judicious alterations might go to the older game its vanished popularity. Why should there not be an occasional compulsory 'no trumps' declaration at whist? I cheerfully present my scheme to the authorities, or to any who may like to try a new variation of the game. Let me say that whenever an honour is turned up by the dealer the rule should be for that hand to be played like a 'no trumps' hand at bridge. I hereby give leave to all and sundry to play this game without fee or license, and to call it by any name they choose. There would, of course, be no 'dummy'—and this, I think, would add considerably to the interest of playing a no-trump hand. At all events, when whist reasserts its ancient influence, let this variant have a trial. It would be a pity not to preserve a feature or two of a game once so popular as bridge.

Time and Money.

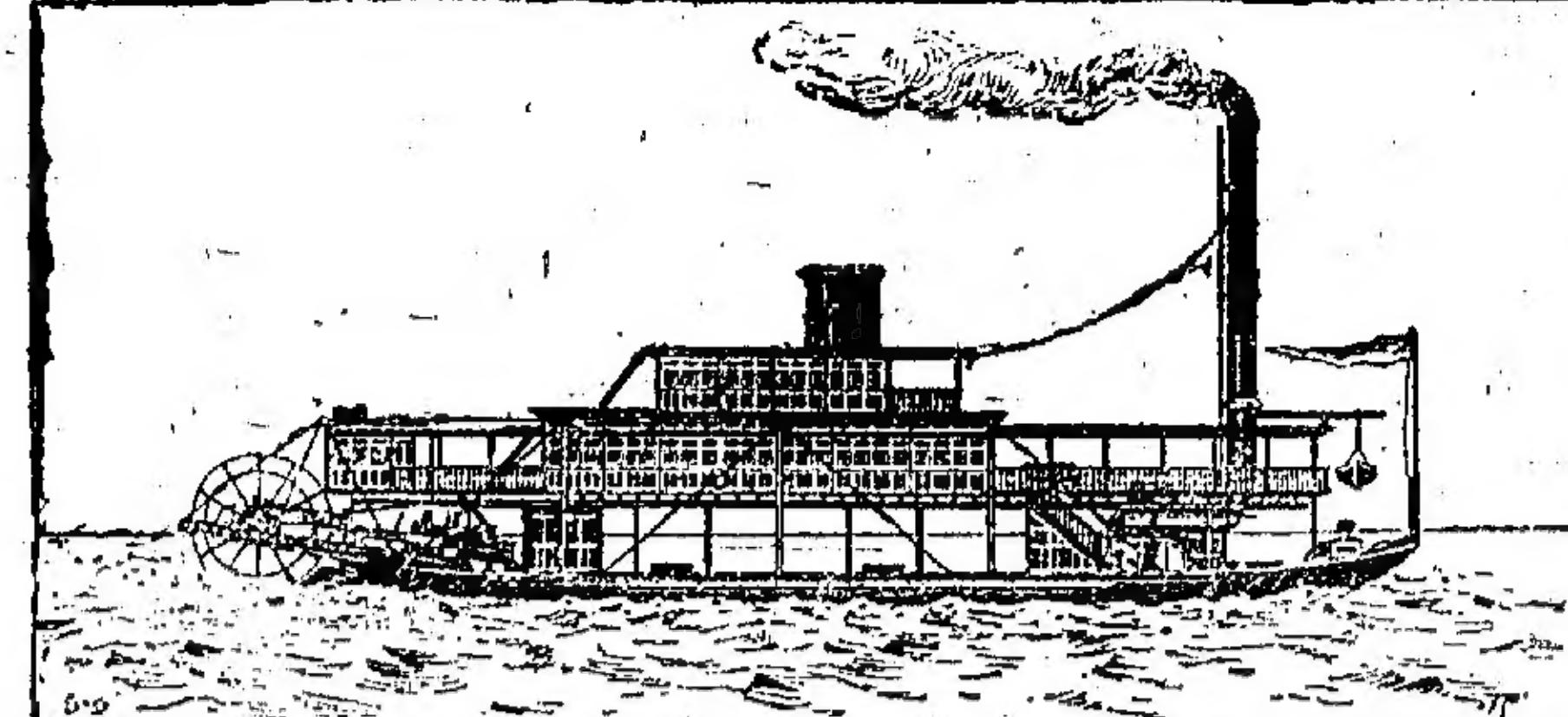
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WEDNESDAY, December 30.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Father Mark Lodge.

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On December 19, at No. 6 The Bund, Shanghai, the wife of A. W. MARSHALL, of a Daughter.

On December 20, at No. 70, Chapeo Road, Shanghai, the wife of Gen. MARSHALL, of a Daughter.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1903.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The majority of the Russian warships are now at Port Arthur and Dairey.

A British steamer stranded off Muroran on the night of December 15.

A Peaceful Act.

Judging from telegrams in Indian exchanges no secret seems to be made of the fact that the two Chinese battleships were purchased by the British Government to prevent Russia from getting them.

Collision with a Junk.

Early on Boxing Day morning as the French steamer *Charles Tiberghien* was coming up between Fooey and Lamana Island she collided with a large fishing junk. The junk had no lights and disappeared immediately after the collision. It is presumed that she went down with all hands while the captain of the steamer had a boat lowered at once, and cruised about the spot until 7 a.m. without seeing any sign of her or her crew.

Counterfeit Money.

The number of bad coins that are in circulation have caused the police to search for the offenders. Chinese Detective 365 was on duty on the Praha, and suspecting a Chinaman of having counterfeit coins in his possession he arrested him. When searched, fifteen twenty-cent pieces and eight ten-cent Kwangtung coins were found. At the Magistracy this morning, Mr. T. Scrimgeour Smith imposed a penalty of two months' gaol, with three hours' stocks.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The race for the Commodore's Cup will be on Friday, the 1st January, starting at 11 a.m. Course, Ma Wan Island (starboard) Handicap—Vermon, Elspeth, and Dove, scratch; Alton, 3 min 2 Alton, 8 min; One Design, 13 min, 20 sec; Iris, Gloria, 20 min; Chauncey, and Motor, 22 min, 50 sec; Payne, 23 min. There are three cups. Only one cup goes to each class.

Drawing for Griffins.

The drawing for the twelve griffins which arrived by the S.S. *Choyang* on Christmas Day resulted as follows:—55 (black) Mr. J. H. Lewis; 67 (grey) Mr. J. H. Lewis; 51 (grey) Mr. W. E. Gray; 69 (chestnut) Mr. Ellis Kadoorie; 60 (black) Major Radcliff; 62 (grey) Major Radcliff; 63 (grey) Mr. Macdonald; 64 (grey, white legs) Mr. W. E. Gray; 65 (bay, white tail) Mr. W. E. Gray; 66 (bay, white tail) Mr. H. N. Mody; 68 (grey) Mr. Hinds; 69 (chestnut) Mr. Morgan Phillips.

Fire at Canton.

Our Canton Correspondent, writing on Dec. 28, says:—I am glad to report that the Wesleyan Mission premises were not destroyed by fire, as was reported last Thursday. But a serious fire occurred a little to the east of that compound. The fire originated in connection with idol worship which was going on in honor of the god "or gods" specially concerned with the winter solstice. This is well known to be one of the great Chinese festival times. Several large residences of wealthy Chinese were destroyed by the fire, and one woman perished in the flames, but happily the mission premises were not near enough to be in any serious danger.

Governor and Mrs Taft.

Governor and Mrs Taft and family arrived in Hongkong from Manila, yesterday morning, on the *Castle*, and was saluted by the flagship as he entered: he transhipped to the *Korea*, and sailed for America yesterday forenoon. Prior to leaving Manila Governor Taft was feted to a great extent, and two big demonstrations were held in his honor—one being on land and the other on the water. The Chinese also showed their appreciation of Governor Taft by presenting him with a gorgeous umbrella. Governor Taft did not have sufficient time to land in Hongkong, the *Korea* having delayed her departure until he arrived here, and on behalf of the Officer Administering the Government Capt. Hurley, A.D.C., went on board the *Korea* and met the homeward-bound party.

Alleged Piracy from a Junk.

The pirates have not been cleared away from the coasts of China is still a matter for serious comment. Early in December a junk left Swatow, with a load of Chinese Delft and bowls for two firms, in Bonham Strand and Wing Lok street. When two days out from Swatow they noticed a junk bearing down on them, and although they attempted to escape their efforts were unavailing. Pirates boarded the vessel and after threatening the crew with death, if they resisted, they ransacked the junk and cleared off with about three-quarters of the cargo. On being released the junk continued on its way to Hongkong and reported the occurrence. The piracy is alleged to have taken place outside British jurisdiction in Chinese waters. On Dec. 26, Soi Ching Mo was arrested by Inspector McNab with \$160 worth of earthenware, which is suspected to be part of the stolen property. At the Magistracy today, Mr. J. H. Kemp remanded the case until Monday next. Mr. C. E. H. Beavis of Messrs Wilkinson and Gist defended, while Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs Deacon and Hastings) prosecuted.

Stealing Telegraph-Wire.

Three Chinese appeared before Mr. Scrimgeour Smith at the Magistracy to day on a charge of stealing a quantity of telegraph wire at Shaukiwan. This was the third time, said Inspector Collet, that the wires had been cut. Each of the accused said that they found the wire on the sea shore. A penalty of three months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks was imposed on each.

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TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S SERVICE.)

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, December 25.

The Premier and War Minister of Japan yesterday visited Marquis Ito and Count Yamagata. The meeting is believed to be in connection with important developments.

FEARFUL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The East-bound express on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, while running at a high speed, was derailed at Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and the train telescoped. Over 50 passengers were killed.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, December 26.

The Russian reply is still undelivered but is expected at any moment and awaited with the keenest anxiety in Europe. Russian diplomatic circles in St. Petersburg profess optimism and expect a pacific solution.

THE PANAMA REPUBLIC.

Great Britain has recognised the Panama Republic.

(K.C. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.)

JAPAN AND PROBABLE WAR.

TOKIO, December 23.

In his conference with Baron Rosen on Monday, Baron Komura demanded that Russia should reconsider her recent unsatisfactory reply, but it is considered here that Russia is now unable to make further concessions.

The situation is most grave. A census will possibly be found in Korea, although Japan's chief contention largely concerns Manchuria.

Japan's naval and military forces are ready to act on the shortest notice.

KOUZ, December 23.

The political outlook is growing darker. The naval authorities have recalled the students in the Naval Accounts Schools, who had left for their winter vacation, and they have been ordered to rejoin their corps immediately.

The Russian reply denies that Manchuria is in the scope of the negotiations with Japan and challenges Japan's view of the situation in Korea.

Korea is now the focus of the difficulty.

Reports of mobilisation are current at Tokio, but no premature, no order having yet been given.

The Nippon Yuen Kaisha steamers previously reported have not yet been chartered.

Kouz, December 22.

The following steamers have been chartered (by the Government):—

Taku Maru, O.S.K., 3,320 tons gross; Aswan Maru, M.B.K., 1,705 tons; Wakamatsu Maru, N.Y.K., 2,527 tons; Sakura Maru, N.Y.K., 2,979 tons; Kokura Maru, N.Y.K., 2,596 tons; Arikawa Maru, M.B.K., 2,988 tons; Andaman, formerly the Pembrokeshire, and three others.

At Wellington Barracks.

Having received an invitation from an officer friend to inspect the various departments of the Wellington Barracks, I chose Xmas morning for the time of my visit. My chief reason for choosing Xmas morning was because I particularly wished to see how Tommy spends his Christmas in the barracks room when abroad. Having reached the barracks, my friend, Lieut. McCoy, R.A.M.C., kindly offered to be my guide over the various buildings, and so we started on our tour of inspection.

A visit was first paid to the various store rooms, when everything in the shape of provisions, clothing, etc., was kept for distribution amongst the soldiers. There is also a large chemist's shop where Tommy's prescriptions are dispensed by a staff of fully-trained dispensers.

Through the courtesy of Major Bewley, R.A.M.C., our next place of visitation was one of the hospital wards. This building is separated from the main block, and is very large and well-equipped, having some

where between 40 and 60 beds for patients, besides a reading and recreation room for the use of the inmates. I was glad to find a few of the beds occupied on Xmas morning.

Leaving the hospital we next proceeded to the main building, on the second floor, of which is situated the R.A.M.C. barrack or mess room. The interior of this room showed signs of artistic taste, being beautifully decorated with evergreen and holly branches. At the top of the room was a portrait of King Edward VII, surrounded with clusters of evergreen and colored flags, while such mottoes as "Scotland for ever," "Roll on, England," and "A Pig's Voyage to Mr and Mrs Bewley," embellished the other sides of the room. At the other end of the room from where the portrait of the King was hanging, was another smaller room, over the door of which, in large letters, was a Scotch word, too difficult of pronunciation by anybody but a Scotman, but inside, strange to say, one could quaff a cup of the good old English ale so dear to the heart of Tommy at this festive season, instead of something Scotch at the name above the door suggested. Leaving Tommy to his preparations for a good dinner, we next paid the convalescent ward of the hospital. Here we found signs of Xmas the room being nicely decorated with evergreen and flags, not to mention the artificial snow-flakes—suggestive of the coming winter in Hongkong—which adorned the miniature stage erected for the convenience of those who wished in any way to help the inmates to spend a pleasant hour. The dinner table was also nicely laid out, awaiting the coming of the good things later on. A visit was next paid to the kitchen, of which there are a large number, where a large staff of Chinese cooks and assistants were busy getting ready the turkeys, chickens, etc., for Tommy's Xmas dinner. After a general look round the outer buildings, and thinking I had taken up enough of my friend's valuable time, I thanked him for the pleasure it had given me to go over the buildings, and bade him adieu.

CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

With the Army and Navy.

The soldiers and sailors have not been behind the general popularity of Hongkong in the matter of spending Christmas. Every "Jack Tar" and "Tommy Atkins" seemed determined to enjoy himself during the preceding three days. It was "half-fall well-net" on all sides, bumpers were quaffed to each other again and again, and if one or two happened to take a little more than was good for them—well, it was Christmas! On the whole, however, the conduct of the men was exemplary, and could hardly have been improved upon.

The Seamen's Mission were busy for some time prior to Christmas making arrangements for the sailors' comfort, and earned their gratitude by the kindly interest shown towards the men by all.

A CHRISTMAS DAY WALK.

[By WILLIE WIMBLE.]

Can a man who fills himself with bloterato sandwiches at 9 o'clock in the morning control the commissariat department of a Chinese walking expeditiously with efficiency? Such was the case of contention amongst a number of messmen who were assembled round a huge oil-drum box and a suspended shallow basket which the writer strolled into the corridor of the Hongkong Hotel on Christmas morning. These messmen, who utterly fail in the art of organisation and who are practically incapable of walking further than the last yard of a straight stretch, had the audacity to arrange to climb the steep rugged pass which rises almost 1000 feet straight up above the camomile-grown hills of Kowloon City and descend down the picturesque dell of Shatin on the other side of the mountains. All know their failings with regard to controlling the arrangement of details of such a performance, and to secure disintercourse at an important moment, and at the same time show their appreciation of a fellow pressmen's work, they selected a man as chief of the food and the coolies, who had often told subversive stories of great transport triumphs whilst he was in the foreign legions of Tonking. But he failed on this occasion at the crucial moment—failed so utterly, so dismally, that it was necessary for all hands to turn to and pack things for the journey. In the Hotel corridor he had arranged for the huge oil-drum box to be placed, and what boys followed his orders in the packing of it, he merely consumed all the bloterato pastes sandwiches that could be found about the place. Gradually the party began to arrive, and gradually the messmen of the Tonkin legion began to exude. The coolies could not lift the box from the floor, much less carry it over the Shatin hills, and an examination of its contents was rendered necessary. No one had the heart to commence this operation in the face of the here and stern necessity demanded it and then a beautiful exposure of what the hero deemed necessary for an *el fresco* tiffin was revealed amidst the uproarious laughter and jibes of the party. First came to light a lot of fruit plates—fancy fruit plates—in the finger bowls—imagine finger bowls!—a second serving of clams, pears and three or four salt cellar covers, crusts, and loops of serviette rings;—and wine glasses. All looked round to see what the collection of inferior articles was for, but nothing could be found; the hero had forgotten—the *resto*. So intent had he been in savoring that all utensils were provided, and so satisfied was he with the bloterato pasta sandwiches, that he did not think of the future wants of the inner man. But the party had stout hearts, and it was not long before tins of sardines, legs of chickens, slices of tongues, oranges, bananas, and most other things good and歹 were mixed up with discarded crusts and crusts of the corridor. The hero of the legion was ignominiously denounced and after the provender had been safely packed in handy boxes the party set out.

At Kowloon City the ricksha coolies roared because he of the legion endeavored to force them to pull him over the muddy fields to the foot of the pass, and it was not until a charge after the most archdeacon member of the gang was made by another of the party that order was restored. Then the drivers of the quill, marching two abreast and stepping to the tune of the ancient whistle of the legionists and his colleague, advanced on the villages of Shapo, Pokong, and Ngatsoi. There, the seven proverbial devils were seated of the villagers, the people mistaking 'Yankee Doodle' for the band, for a war-dance of the Black Flags. Windows and doors were shot and barred with fearful spontaneity, and chow dogs, porcupine, and pot-bellied pigs, ran off into the muddy fields with all the speed that they could command from their heavy frames. The inspiring whistling did not last much longer, however, for the slippery granite ascent was reached, and the heavy blowing of the whole of the party showed that such another mountain would prove their Waterloo. Bravely they climbed however, and bravely climbed the coolies, who staggered under the weight of the Christmas tiffin. After one step and slipping back six was a common occurrence, and thought the great companion should have been able to show the whole of the party the way to the top he was invariably lost, and when asked to explain it merely added that he desired to see the scenery. Hongkong harbour was by this time shoving over the foothills and once when we stopped and turned to view the prospect we saw the legionists lazily loosing on a step with his head on his hands. 'Sweet Hongkong, lovely village of the plain,' he murmured. We protested that Hongkong was not a village of the plain but of the hill. 'Please pacify my masters, plain people, I'm thinking about.' It was us unarguing, and we moved on. Not so the legionists. They waited for the communication to come up, and when we turned a sharp bend of the hill he opened one of the party's bottles, and as we came into view snarled, 'I can see what we can be the bottom of the bottle pointing heavenwards and working in nervous spasms. He told us he had been painting a mental picture of the muddy fields, and of Lyemoon pass—which lay in front of the first like a charmingly finished panorama—and needed some liquid to damp the colours. On the last steep pitch the legionists rested and endeavored to quiet with some of the lady grass-cutters who were bearing their heavy loads down, assuring us. But they'd have none of it, and panting and puffing he succeeded eventually in arriving last up at the police bat resting in the bay of the lofty mountains in such a position as to command a beautiful view of the striking wealth of greenery towards Shatin and Tide Cove on the one side, and Hongkong and the harbour on the other. How the party took tiffin in the shadow of the hillsides, and the colleague of the legionists, becoming poetical—he was on some dead ferns alongside a dry creek—murmured,

'In the shadow of the hillsides golden sunlight streaked and dappled.'

Through the frosty leaves a murmur, on the tangled fern and moss.

All the wind was softly playing, as with magic fairy figures.

Musie of the sweet woodlands, of the flowers and the floss.'

Well the situation was liable to inspire poetry, and since it was Christmas day the culprit was not killed though failure in that respect was regretful before the day was out, for when not giving poetical toasts to 'the girls we have at home' or 'somebody else's girls we hope to have at home,' he was bursting out into poetry ranging from couplets to columns about the beautiful Alpine scenery, the tumultuous torrents the ferns and the fir, the industrious grass-cutters, and the labouring coolies ever and again being met with on the way to Shatin.

'Wander free over hills and passes'

Root 'mid the rocks in the hollows blue.

Lying at ease on the scented grasses,

Fresh and cool from the morning dew,

he would quote most inappropriately. Perhaps at the time we would be puffing and panting up a hillside hardly afford-

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour M. A. G. Wise,
Puisne Judge.)

Monday, December 28, 1903.

LIABILITIES OF A CARRIER.

Chan Ah Kan, amah, sued Ah Oi, amah, for the return of \$40.00 which was extorted to her to deliver to plaintiff's father-in-law at Shin-Hing.

Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) represented the defendant.

Mr. Slade said that in September the plaintiff gave defendant \$40.00 to take into the country and deliver to plaintiff's father-in-law. The money was wiped up by the two women, who had some more notes, and defendant went out with the parcel containing the money in one hand and a basket in the other. Plaintiff freely admitted that from her father-in-law that the money had been received, and, hearing that defendant had returned, she went to see him. Defendant said she had not delivered the money, as she had been robbed at Canton.

Evidence was then led.

Mr. Grist said that it was evident that the defendant had taken reasonable care of the money, and asked for a non-suit.

The Puisne Judge said that he took up the position that the money was in the basket, and that defendant had shown proper and responsible care of it. The defendant was an agent without any hire, and he held that there was no evidence before him that there was any reasonable want of care shown.

Plaintiff was non-suited, with costs.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C.—UNITED SERVICES.

This match was continued on Saturday, when the United Services had three wicket down for seventy-two. The remaining wickets only yielded seventy-seven more runs, so that the innings closed for 149. In the first innings of the United Services', after three wickets had fallen for 72 runs, T. Sercombe Smith went on bowling and took four wickets for four runs. It was mainly due to his bowling that the Services' team was dismissed so cheaply on Saturday morning.

Hongkong put up 171 for six wickets, and declared, to which the United Services responded with 168 for four wickets, but the close of play stopped them from winning. Much excitement was caused during Lieut. Heath's innings and the first 100 was put together in thirty-four minutes. When the bell was rung at 5 p.m. the Services team had fourteen runs to tie, and fifteen to win. The match, which was well played and, most interesting, was, of course, declared-draw.

The scores were as follows:

HONGKONG C.C.	
FIRST INNINGS	160
SECOND INNINGS	171
W. C. B. Turner, a and b Williams	11
J. T. Dixon, a Chichester, b Williams	12
H. Hancock, b Harris	46
K. Hancock (capt.), a Campbell, b	27
T. Sercombe Smith, a Campbell, b	26
Williams	35
F. Maidman, not out	6
Sundries	14
Total (for 6 wickets)	171
Innings declared closed	
UNITED SERVICES.	
1ST INNINGS	
Lt. Heath, 110th Maharashtra L.I., c and b J. T. Dixon	23
P. H. Irwin, R.N., b W. Dixon	59
M. C. Williams, R.N., b W. Dixon	59
F. L. Horsey, R.N., b Smith	59
L. Hawkins, R.N., c J. T. Dixon, b Hancock	15
A. U. Campbell, R.N., c Turner, b R. Hancock	26
Sub-Lt. Cornabe, R.N., not out	33
Sub-Lt. Barron, R.N., c Turner, b Smith	9
Capt. Harris, R.M.A., b Smith	0
Lt. Riuning, S.E., c Smith, J. T. Dixon	0
Major Chichester, (capt.) b Williams	6
Sundries	7
Total (for 6 wickets)	149
Innings declared closed	

Lt. Heath, 110th Maharashtra L.I., c and b J. T. Dixon	97	
P. H. Irwin, R.N., b W. Dixon	26	
M. C. Williams, R.N., b W. Dixon	26	
F. L. Horsey, R.N., b Smith	13	
L. Hawkins, R.N., c J. T. Dixon, b Hancock	15	
A. U. Campbell, R.N., c Turner, b R. Hancock	26	
Sub-Lt. Barron, R.N., not out <td>33</td>	33	
Sub-Lt. Barron, R.N., c Turner, b Smith <td>9</td>	9	
Capt. Harris, R.M.A., b Smith	0	
Lt. Riuning, S.E., c Smith, J. T. Dixon	0	
Major Chichester, (capt.) b Williams	6	
Sundries	7	
Total	149	
2ND INNINGS		
Lt. Heath, 110th Maharashtra L.I., c and b J. T. Dixon	97	
Hancock, b W. Dixon	26	
Sub-Lt. Cornabe, R.N., b W. Dixon	26	
Dixon	13	
F. L. Horsey, R.N., c Turner, b H. Hancock	14	
Major Chichester, not out	10	
Sundries	8	
Total	149	
2ND INNINGS		
Barron	37	
Morse	4	
Harris	41	
Williams	54	
Campbell	17	
Riuning	4	
Bartoo	29	
Total for 4 wks.	168	
BOWLING ANALYSIS.		
HONGKONG C.C.—1ST INNINGS.		
Runs.	Wkts.	
Horsley	11	0
Harris	11	3
Williams	33	0
Campbell	26	0
Bartoo	29	5
2ND INNINGS.		
Barron	37	0
Morse	4	0
Harris	41	1
Williams	54	3
Campbell	17	1
Riuning	4	1
BARTOO	29	5
UNITED SERVICES—1ST INNINGS.		
Runs.	Wkts.	
J. T. Dixon	59	2
W. Dixon	46	1
H. Hancock	31	4
T. Sercombe Smith	4	4
2nd Innings.		
J. T. Dixon	36	0
T. S. Smith	26	0
W. Dixon	54	2
H. Hancock	44	1

J. T. Dixon	59	2
W. Dixon	46	1
H. Hancock	31	4
T. Sercombe Smith	4	4
2nd Innings.		
J. T. Dixon	36	0
T. S. Smith	26	0
W. Dixon	54	2
H. Hancock	44	1

Total for 4 wks.

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Runs.

Wkts.

J. T. Dixon

T. S. Smith

W. Dixon

H. Hancock

BARTOO

UNITED SERVICES—3RD INNINGS.

Runs.

Wkts.

J. T. Dixon

T. S. Smith

W. Dixon

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Wkts.

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T. S. Smith

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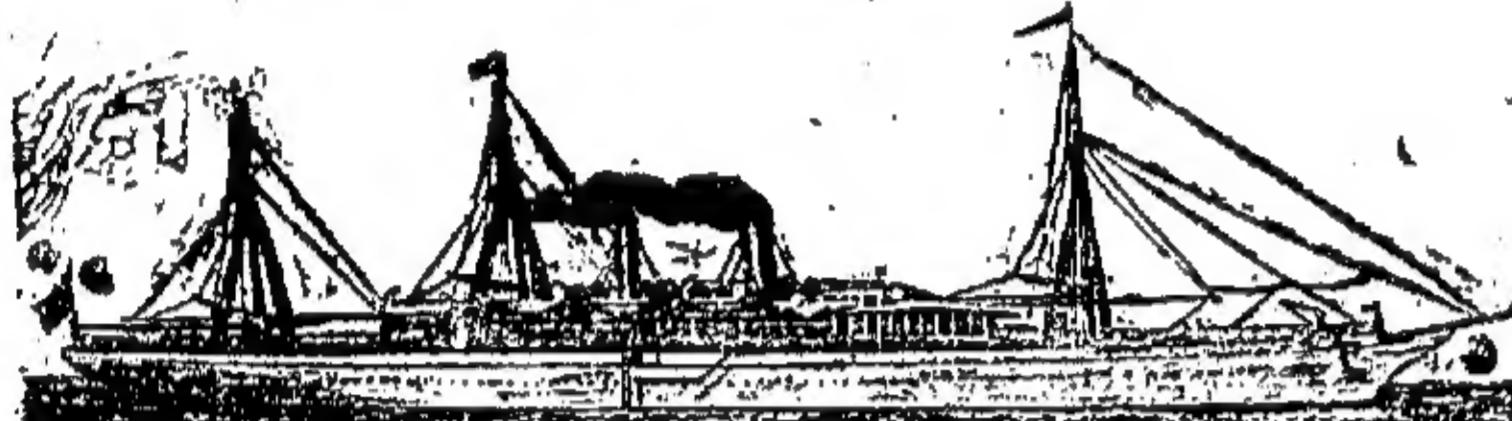
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R.M.S. ATHENIAN 3882 TONS WEDNESDAY, April 27.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN 6000 TONS WEDNESDAY, May 11.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREWSTEAMSHIPS of this line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal; Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, of which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 8 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIOUS OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
PEDDER STREET, 1112

Hongkong, October 21, 1903.

**PORLAND AND ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP. TONS. CAPTAIN. HONGKONG.

INDRAVELLI 4899 R. P. Craven January 25, 1904.

INDRAPURA 4899 A. E. Hollingsworth February 13, 1904.

INDRAMAHA 197 W. E. Craven March 15, 1904.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with us.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Hongkong, December 28, 1903.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers. Destinations. Sailing Dates.

HIROSHIMA MARU, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO. TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.

J. NAGO, VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE U.S.A., via SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 p.m.

KASA MARU, NAGOYA, NAGOZI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30, at Noon.

YAWATA MARU, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE—via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.

NIKKO MARU, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE and ADELAIDE. VIA THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. 22nd January.

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamer. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class. Through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply to the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 28, 1903.

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Shipping.

**OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL
EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST
AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR, KEMUN	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KINTUCK	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PINGUEY	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOYUNE	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLACIAS	28th January.
The S.S. PYRRHUS has arrived and leaves for Shanghai TO-MORROW.		3rd February.

The S.S. CALCHAS, from Teoma, has arrived.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSHES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DANDAN	5th January.
MARSHES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANGTSE	10th January.
LIVERPOOL, WITH TRANSHIPMENT	YANGTSE	10th January.
AT SINGAPORE	NESTOR	2nd February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KEMUN	16th February.
MARSHES & LIVERPOOL	KINTUCK	16th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	1st March.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and NANKING	TYLERUS	20th December.
ALL PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA TONGKING	TONGKING	24th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, December 28, 1903.

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY**

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

named:—

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	NOTES
SHANGHAI	Bengal, G. Phillips	About 2nd January.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Simla, F. R. Summers	2nd January.	See Special Advertisement
SINGAPORE & BOMBAY	Tientsin, H. W. Kenhor, R.N.R.	About 6th January.	Freight only.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA CORDON	C. F. Lockstone, R.N.R.	About 7th January.	Freight and Passage.

* Calling at PENANG if sufficient inducement offers.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 26, 1903.

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Shipping.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship POLYNESIEN.

Captain Le Coq will be despatched for the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 30th December.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 23, 1903. 2582

THE 'SHIRE' LINE.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship FLINTSHIRE.

Captain J. M. HARPER, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, 2nd January, 1904.

FOR LONDON, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship DENBIGHSHIRE.

Captain W. A. EVANS, will be despatched for the above ports on or about FRIDAY, the 16th January; to be followed by the Steamship RADNORSHIRE.

Captain C. H. BURCH, on or about SATURDAY, the 30th January, 1904.

These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1903. 2579

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLE, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

Also PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 29th December, 1903, at 1 p.m., the Company's Steamship SALAZIE, Captain NEGRE, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLE, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered as London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 28th December.

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON.—F. ALZAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. STREET & CO., 39, Cornhill, GORDON & GORE, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 81, Cannon Street, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street, W.M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 150, Fleet Street, C. MITCHELL & CO., Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, E.C. SELL'S ADVERTISING AGENCY LTD., 167, Fleet Street, E.C.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—MAYENCE, FAVRE & CO., 18 Rue de Grange Bateliere.

NEW YORK:—THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West 22nd Street.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally:—BEAN & BLAUS, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORE, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON:—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARIES CO., Colombo.

BATAVIA:—H. M. VAN DORN & CO.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.:—KELLY & WALSH, LTD., Singapore.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:—A. S. WATSON & CO., Manila.

CHINA:—AMOY, N. MAULE & CO., LIVERPOOL; FOSHAN, BROCKETT & CO., Shanghai; LANKA, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, YOKOHAMA; LANKA, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH.

INSURANCES.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at Current Rates.

HOLLAND CHINA TRADING CO.

Hongkong, November 26, 1903.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1902.

£16,378,771.

Authorised Capital £23,000,000

Subscribed Capital £23,750,000

Paid-up Capital £26,750,000

Funds £26,750,000

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 26.
1. *Mazagon*, British steamer, 3,266, W. H. Solly Hall, Bombay Dec. 5, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

2. *Ejor*, Norwegian steamer, 722, A. N. Christensen, Karatsu Dec. 20, Coal—CANTWELL & CO.

3. *Olenbach*, British steamer, 2,957, E. J. Stallard, London, and Singapore Dec. 16, General—MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

4. *Wong-kai*, German steamer, 1,115, W. Reuter, Bangkok Dec. 16, Rice and General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

5. *Cidio*, American gunboat, 224, M. L. Miller, from Canton.

December 27.

6. *Grode*, British steamer, 2,631, William Finch, R.N.R., San Francisco Nov. 25, Honolulu Dec. 2, Yokohama 15, Kobe 17, Nagasaki 18, and Manila 25, Mail and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

7. *Ching-hua*, British str., 2,358, F. W. Parker, R.N.R., New York Oct. 27, Case Oil—STANDARD OIL CO.

8. *Haldwyn*, British str., 782, J. W. Evans, Swan December 26, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

9. *Shantou*, British str., 1,228, J. G. Carnahan, Chinkiang and Whuhs Dec. 29, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

10. *Yatson*, British steamer, 1,128, S. J. Payne, Manila December 24, General—JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.

11. *Hokuso Maru*, Japanese steamer, 2,032, J. Naga, Moji Dec. 22, Matches, Copper—FUKI, Kuchinotchi Dec. 22, Coal—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

12. *Hiroshima Maru*, Japanese str., 2,037, J. Naga, Moji Dec. 22, Matches, Copper—FUKI, Kuchinotchi Dec. 22, Coal—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

13. *Ching-hua*, British str., 1,469, J. McLean, Kobe Dec. 21, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

14. *Hawick*, British steamer, 1,539, W. E. Sawyer, Java Dec. 17, Sugar—JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.

15. *Sakae*, French steamer, 2,088, Negre, Yokohama Dec. 18, Mail and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

16. *Wessex*, British str., from Canton.

17. *Szechuan*, British str., from Canton.

18. *Kedua*, British str., from Canton.

December 28.

19. *Anping*, Chinese str., from Canton.

20. *Sullberg*, German str., from Canton.

21. *Yankee Maru*, Japanese str., 2,366, A. E. Moses, Yokohama Dec. 19, General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

22. *Kangaroo*, Japanese str., 2,288, W. S. Hunter, Melbourne Dec. 2, via Manila 27, General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

23. *Tyr*, Norwegian steamer, 1,718, D. L. Danielsen, Honay Dec. 26, Coal—E. A. TRADING CO.

24. *Cochlear*, British str., 4,278, Hannah, Moji Dec. 22, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

25. *Dewittongen*, German str., 1,057, Chr. Kimpel, Bangkok December 16, Rice—MELCHERS & CO.

26. *Pyrhus*, British str., 2,261, G. Chrimies, Glasgow, via Liverpool and Singapore Dec. 20, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

27. *Tademachus*, British steamer, 1,340, Jas. Williamson, Saigon Dec. 18, General—NAM WO & CO.

28. *Takao*, British steamer, 977, W. P. Baker, Shanghai Dec. 24, and Swatow 27, General—JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.

29. *Whampoa*, British str., 1,199, H. E. Laver, Shanghai December 24, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

30. *Kuang Tsh*, Chinese str., 1,530, Wm. H. Lunt, Shanghai Dec. 24, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

31. *Canton*, British str., 1,110, L. A. Muir, Cheloo and Weihsien Dec. 23, General—JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.

32. *Hupke*, British steamer, 1,294, Mathias, Shanghai Dec. 23, and Swatow 27, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

33. *Wuchong*, British str., 801, A. Sommerville, Iloilo Dec. 24, Sugar—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

34. *Nurnberg*, German str., 2,663, J. Jaburg, Yokohama Dec. 14, and Dijon 23, General—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

35. *DEPARTURES.*

December 24.

36. *Rubi*, for Manila.

37. *Yikang*, for Chinkiang.

38. *Hanyang*, for Shanghai.

39. *Kingting*, for Canton.

40. *Malta*, for Canton.

41. *Yokohama*, for Canton.

42. *DEPARTURE REPORTS.*

The British steamer *Glenloch* reports: From Singapore Dec. 16th, strong monsoon and squally, very high seas.

43. *POST OFFICE NOTICES.*

44. *MAILS will close*:

For KUDAT & SANDAKAN.—

Per *Borneo*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 29th December.

For HAIPHONG.—

Per *Hoiho*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 29th December.

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45. *MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.*

The French Contract Packet *Salazie* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 29th Dec., with Mails to the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and places beyond, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australian Colonies, Aden, Natal, and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m. Registration at 10 a.m. (Registration and late fee of 10 cents, or 10 a.m.) Letters at 11 a.m. Late Letters 11 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.

46. *PEAK HOTEL.*

Mr. A. Allison Mr. R. Marton

Mr. K. Bennett Mrs. R. Mayer

Mr. Andrew Beattie Mr. A. P. B. Mc

Mr. J. M. Beattie Dermott

Mr. Geo. Behn Mr. Robert Mitchell

Major & Mrs. Benson Miss C. Mortimore

A.P.D. Mr. L. S. Nagao

Mr. C. de Bolagowsky Surgeon & Mrs. Norris

Mr. C. de Bolagowsky Surgeon & Mrs. Norris

child and maid Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Ollis

Mr. Ralph A. Brae and child

Major and Mrs. J. W. F. Brown Mr. & Mrs. J. W. F. Brown

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